

Comment
of the
day

The UN's duty
in the Congo

At one extreme in the Congo wrangle is the United Nations Security Council, forced to think in constitutional abstracts about the extent of the intervention in a sovereign state and judge every possibility by its effect on the world cold war.

At the other extreme are the Lumumbists and the ordinary Congolese whose hope of joining in a fuller life now accessible to millions of Africans is becoming daily more remote. The link between the two is weak.

The United Nations is not ideally constituted to clean up the situation in the Congo. But action through the United Nations is the only action which can be contemplated. Direct operations by any one state could lead to a war on a fairly larger scale.

EVEN the return of the Belgians to civil administrative positions has brought the full wrath of the Russians and pro-Communists upon them.

There is only one course on which all outsiders can agree and that is that the Congolese must settle it by themselves.

Members of the Security Council could best ask themselves whether everything has been done to make this possible. The scope of the United Nations intervention has changed very much since the first resolution was passed in July of last year.

It was then possible to talk of the Congo as an entity. Now it is not. The Congo has become so fragmented that a more realistic basis on which to act would be a resolution seeking to unite the various provinces. All the provinces are governments operating without a common purpose.

THE Belgians failed to weld the provinces into a proper Congolese nation. This is a development which in other colonial countries has usually come about through a contest between a united political front and a central government.

Politics were not allowed to develop naturally in the Congo. If they are allowed to develop now some merging hand may be needed. It can be supplied either by the United Nations as a whole or by an Afro-Asian coalition. And this should be the major aim of the United Nations policy.

It is not suggested that the Security Council should delegate its responsibility. It has already done that to an extent too great and without defining the ways in which the responsibility is to be exercised.

IT is extraordinary that the body which purports to be in control of an international operation of this style has failed to deal directly with the Congolese political leaders.

In its every day work the United Nations has been inhibited by the order to keep away from internal politics but the Security Council has never defined what this means. The Russians would not necessarily veto this — they would harm themselves if they did.

It is true that the Russians have an interest in violence, but the most recent incident, the murder of Mr Lumumba and a number of his colleagues, has not met with their approval.

Chinese press report on millionaire's son KIDNAPPED MAN SAID DEAD

KILLED IN STRUGGLE WITH CAPTORS

The local Chinese paper, Wen Wei Po, reported in a special dispatch this morning that Mr Wong Ying-kau, son of the millionaire banker Mr Wong Sik-pun, had died in the hands of his kidnappers.

Mr Wong was killed in a struggle with the thugs when he tried to escape at night sometime after the kidnapping, the report said.



Mr and Mrs Wong Ying-kau

The same dispatch alleged that the gangsters belonged to a group called "Wild Wolf" which, it was further alleged, also kidnapped Mr Wong's father.

The Government Information Services were still checking the Chinese report at the time of going to press.

Not available

Mr Raymond Wong, brother of Mr Wong Ying-kau, was unavailable for comment the whole morning.

Mr Wong Ying-kau was last seen leaving the Cactus nightclub in Lok Kwok Hotel, Wanchai, about 1 am on June 19, 1959.

The family received two ransom notes in one of which was a piece of human ear.

SURPRISE BUDGET?

Budget shocks? Who knows? But at about 5 pm today, the China Mail will be the first newspaper to break the news to the Hongkong public in its special budget edition.

The fourth edition will give a summary of the Financial Secretary, Mr A. G. Clarke's speech and an outline of his main budget proposals.

This edition will be on sale for home-going race-goers in the vicinity of Happy Valley about 5.30 pm and in the City Centre as soon as it is possible to get them on the streets after the Financial Secretary finishes speaking.

The Late Final Extra will today be published about an hour earlier than usual with a summary of the Governor, Sir Robert Black's "Review of the Year" which he will deliver to the Legislative Council this afternoon prior to the introduction of the budget.

WINSTON AT STAG PARTY

London, Feb. 28.

Sir Winston Churchill went to a bachelor party tonight and showed the guests how to carry on heartily at 86.

The bent old statesman was keeping an annual dinner date at the Savoy Hotel with "The Other Club," a stag group he organised 50 years ago.

He ate Canadian sucking pig with 30 other club members, watched it down with authoritative Burgundy and topped the whole thing off with brandy.

Several hours later Sir Winston returned home rosy-cheeked and smiling.—AP.

Missing police in China

The three missing British policemen are in Chinese territory and the Hongkong Government has asked for their return.

A Government spokesman confirmed this morning that according to unofficial reports received by the Hongkong Government from the Chinese side, the three missing Police Inspectors are in fact in Chinese territory.

Earlier a London cable quoting the Colonial Office said the Hongkong Government had asked for their return.

BLOWN OVER?

The three men, J. A. T. Christie, I. B. M. Kent and V. F. D. Chapman, all probationary inspectors and ranging in age from 22 to 25, have been the subject of a widespread search ever since they failed to return from their trip.

Ocean-going ships, fishing junks, village penetration squads, marine department launches, naval vessels, aircraft of the RAF, HKAAF and Army spotter planes have been combing the Colony for some sign of the missing men or their 30ft converted steel lifeboat which was thought to have blown over in Sunday's high winds.

The men are known to be strong swimmers. They are stationed at Fanling where they are undergoing training prior to appointment in regular Police duties.

Speeding justice in UK

London, Feb. 28.

Proposals for speeding justice in Britain's courts and ensuring that the punishment fits the crime were put before the Government today.

The proposals, prepared by a committee under High Court Judge Sir Geoffrey Stirling, were handed to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Kilmer, and the Home Secretary, Mr R. A. Butler.

The proposals included:

- Empowering lower courts to try more serious crimes.
- Establishing a "flying squad" of judges to hold supplementary sittings during the summer vacation in areas where cases get backlogged.

- Ensuring that no accused person has to wait more than eight weeks for trial, with time spent in custody after commitment to count towards a sentence of imprisonment.

- Encouraging judges and magistrates to visit jails to see for themselves if the sentences they have imposed are the right ones.

- Enabling courts to have more information about offenders and about sentences into the effects of sentences.—UPI.

HK flower threat to Holland

The Hague, Feb. 28.

The large-scale manufacture of artificial flowers in Hongkong is threatening the local fresh flower industry, Mr Bram Wernar, a leading Dutch bulb exporter, told Reuter today.

Mr Wernar, a member of the board of the "Keukenhof" Foundation, the world's largest open air flower show, organised every year here, said that he was launching a big campaign among countries

Hongkong will not be left defenceless

London, Feb. 28.

The British Government today gave a pledge that it would not "leave places like Hongkong defenceless".

The Minister of Defence, Mr Harold Watkinson, made this declaration after a Labour MP had said that Britain still had servicemen dotted all over the globe "in the sort of imperial stations manned by their fathers and grandfathers".

He was speaking in a debate on defence policy in the House of Commons.

The MP, Mr Christopher Mayhew, said "this situation does not belong to the 1960s and it should be ended in a practical, planned and phased manner and wound up."

Mr Mayhew, a former Labour Foreign Under-Secretary, said these far-flung bases set against Britain those who should be her allies in Asia and Africa. They were a potential provocation and answered the prayers of Communist propaganda.

Useless

Other Labour members has also suggested that Britain should take another look at her overseas bases and see whether some of them could be wound up.

Mr Richard Crossman said it would be useless, for instance, to try to defend Australia and New Zealand in any future war from the base at Singapore.

At the end of the debate, a Labour censure motion of the Government's defence policy was defeated by 343 votes to 234 — a Government majority of 109.

Astonished

Mr Harold Watkinson said he had listened with astonishment to speech after speech from Labour benches apparently implying that Britain could now lightly abrogate treaty responsibilities everywhere except in Europe.

He said it was outside Europe that there was the risk of a minor explosion which might lead to a major war.

The British Government, he said, had not the slightest intention of breaking its Seal and Canto treaty obligations or backing out of its world obligations, he said.

"We do not propose to leave the Arab peninsula treaty, and leave places like Hongkong defenceless, up and about those of the Commonwealth in whose defence we have agreed to share," he said.

No 'ratting'

Earlier the Secretary for Air, Mr Sullian Amory said Mr Mayhew seems to wish to strengthen the Rhine Army by cutting Britain's other overseas commitments.

But Britain was not going to "rat" on her Seal and Canto commitments, the alliance which accounted for the great bulk of her overseas forces.

She could not doubt, if so inclined, abandon some of her garrisons, such as Gibraltar.

But even if this were done the effect on the shield forces in Germany would still be very slight when the balance of power on the other side of the front was born in mind.

Thicken the shield as much as Britain could, a breakthrough was still possible.

The queen

The Government believed it was essential for the Nato forces to be seen to have mobile conventional forces and nuclear weapons from the smallest yield to the highest.

Defending the use of nuclear weapons by the Western alliance, Mr Amory said: "Nuclear forces are the queen on the chess board and we are dealing with the greatest masters of chess."

"Nothing could please them more than the certain knowledge that their opponents would never use the queen to take their smaller pieces."—Reuter.

£50,000 jewel robbery

London, Feb. 28.

Four dufl-coated bandits today held up the proprietor of a jeweller's shop and his sister and escaped with diamonds valued at more than £50,000.

The raid was carried out with split-second timing a few minutes after 5 pm when Mr M. F. Greenross, owner of the manufacturing jeweller's firm of Cohen and Lamports, was preparing to go home.

The four bandits walked in quietly, forced Mr Greenross' sister into an anteroom, beat up Greenross and robbed him of the keys to his safe.

Once in the street, the raiders broke up and escaped on foot.

It was the second big robbery in London diamond market centre within a month.

Earlier, safe blowers stole uncut diamonds from a Dutch-born dealer valued at between £150,000 and £175,000.—UPI.

Teenage suicide

London, Feb. 28.

An American airman told a coroner's inquest today his teenage British girlfriend stabbed herself the night before she committed suicide with gas.

Airman Samuel Soto testified that Constance Sales, 17, stabbed herself with a kitchen knife at a party on February 22 after he told her he was giving her up.

Soto said he had known Miss Sales several months and had told her he was married, but said she had become "very attached" to him.

Soto said the girl wrote to him several days before threatening to kill herself if he left her. She was found dead in her home on February 24.

The coroner entered a ruling of suicide.—UPI.

Ideal conditions at the Valley

The second day of the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting opened this morning under ideal weather conditions at Happy Valley.

Absence of rain in the last two days has rendered the going fast and firm and some very good times are expected as the Meeting progresses.

Time: 1 min. 17.4 sec.

Parl mutuel: Winner: \$20.80; Places: 1st \$8.40; 2nd \$26.10; 3rd \$68.60.

Race 2.—NORTHERN HANDICAP. For Class 7 horses. One and a quarter miles.

W. H. Kwan & S. K. Chung's MAGIC FEET, 152, Albert Lam 1

Dr Leung Tin Sun & Partner's DART, 154, Chun Kit 2

Chang Chung Tim's VIEW-POINT, 144, T. H. Yau .. 3

Y. Y. Chey's BENEFACTION, 152, Alex Lam 4

Won by 1 1/4 lengths; 2 lengths. Time: 2 min. 16.0 sec. Parl mutuel: Winner: \$101.80; Places: 1st \$17; 2nd \$7.50; 3rd \$13.80.

CASH SWEEPS

RACE 1

No. 4836 \$3.808
No. 3416 1.088
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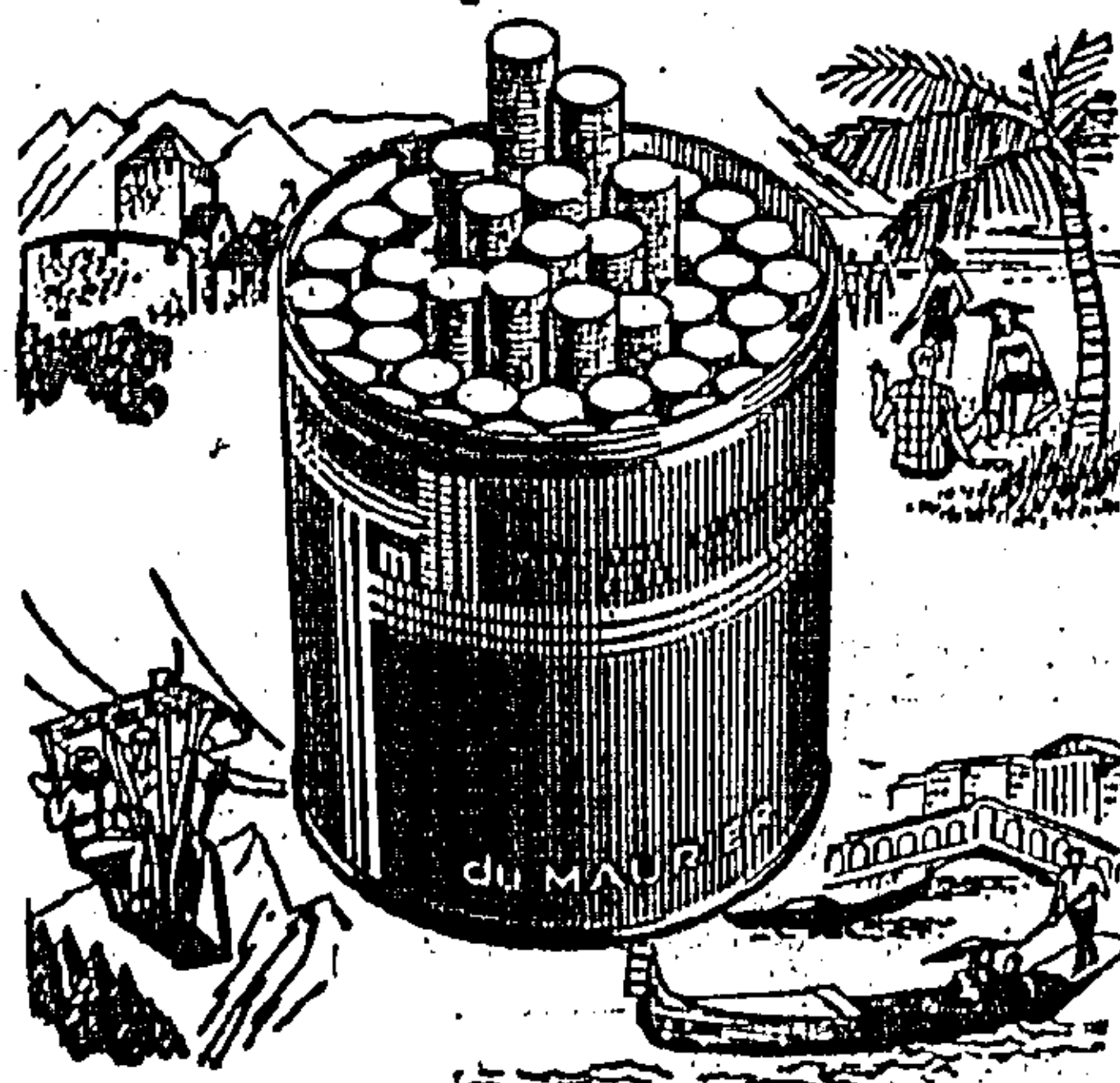
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each) Nos. 128, 710, 1755, 4393, 1070, 993, 2594, 4185.

RACE 2

No. 4191 \$3.371
No. 4489 953
No. 5108 482

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LABOUR MEMBERS ATTACK FISHING ACCORD

London, Feb. 28.

Labour opposition members today attacked the Anglo-Icelandic fishing agreement in Parliament as "surrender," a "shocking settlement" and "blow to the British fishing industry."

Mr. Edward Heath, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Foreign Secretary, defended the agreement after announcing its terms to Parliament and stated that, despite disappointment, the British fishing industry had said it was prepared to support it.

Macmillan on nuclear control posts

London, Feb. 28.

Mr. Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, said today he did not think the deadlock in the nuclear tests talks could be broken by the Government unilaterally putting up control posts in Britain.

He was answering questions in the House of Commons by Mr. Anthony Greenwood (Labour) who urged Mr. Macmillan to say Britain did not intend resuming nuclear testing and would welcome international inspection posts in this country.

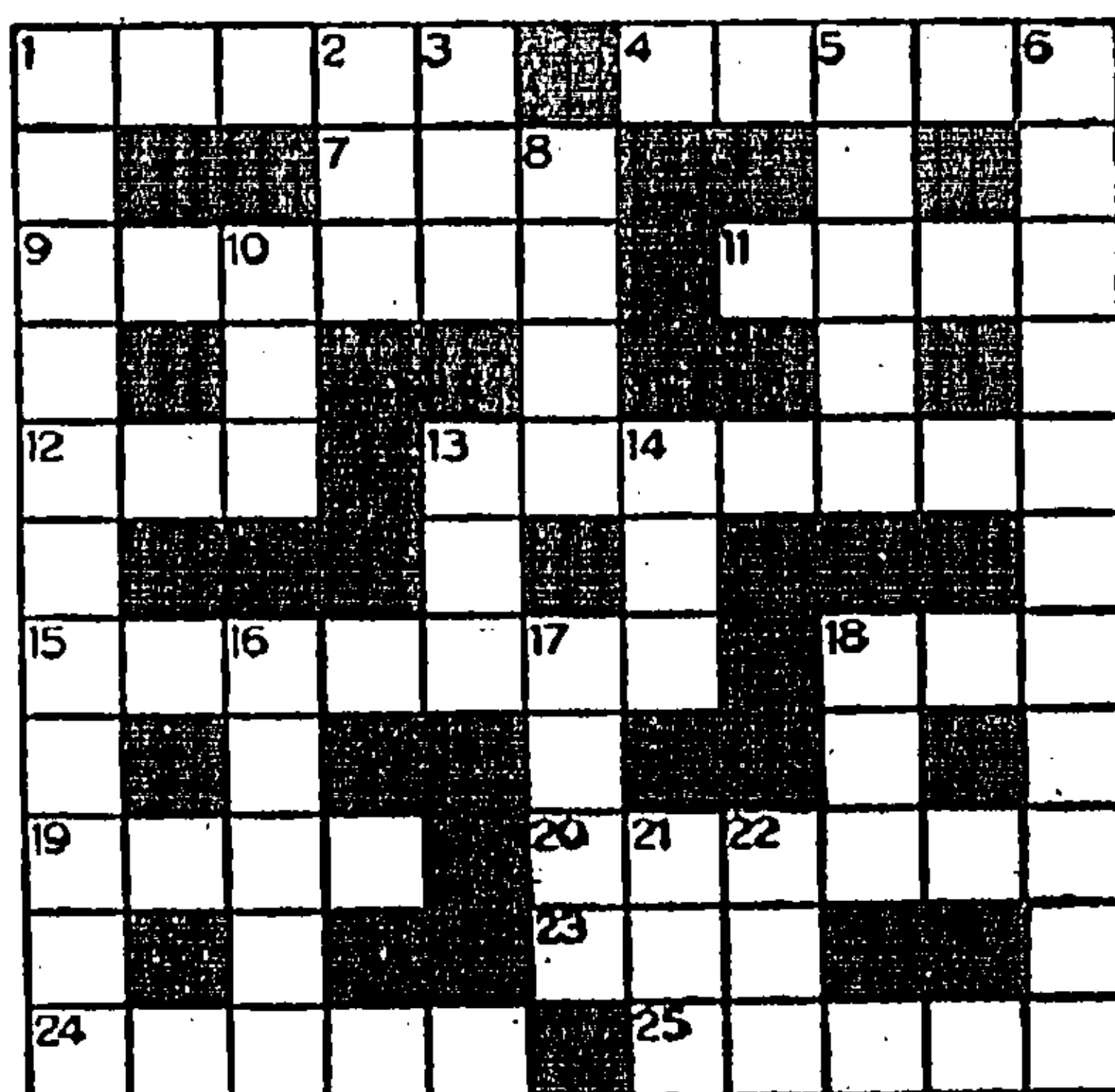
Mr. Macmillan replied that the government had already stated it would not carry out nuclear test explosions while useful discussions continued at Geneva.

All three governments concerned (the United States, Russia and Britain) had stated they would accept in their territories such control posts and inspection arrangements as might be agreed.

Mr. Greenwood said he thought his proposal was the only way to break the deadlock.

Mr. Macmillan commented: "I don't think we can break the deadlock by unilaterally putting up control posts. The purpose for control posts is that they should be multi-lateral."

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Cook.
 - 4 Play badly.
 - 7 Bust.
 - 9 Fruit.
 - 11 Double.
 - 12 Tear.
 - 13 Adult.
 - 15 Feast.
 - 18 Chum.
 - 19 Measure.
 - 20 Way.
 - 23 Over.
 - 24 Precipitous.
 - 25 Vessels.
- DOWN**
- 1 Poet (two words).
 - 2 Resort.
 - 3 Weight.
 - 5 Tree.
 - 6 Handles skillfully.
 - 8 Couple.
 - 10 Sleep.
 - 13 Animal.
 - 14 Distressed.
 - 16 Loop.
 - 17 Direction.
 - 18 Bird.
 - 21 Member.
 - 22 Dispute.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across 1 Bison, 5 Spain, 9 Lot, 10 Yoken, 11 Atoll, 12 Ick, 13 Ran, 14 Odd, 16 Say, 18 Ernest, 21 So-so, 23 Hair, 24 Drove, 29 Tea, 31 One, 32 Rap, 34 Lob, 36 Shire, 37 Shout, 38 Vile, 39 Shool, 40 Sheds. Down 1 Blares, 2 Iota, 3 Stones, 4 Nylon, 5 Skids, 6 Par, 7 Asks, 8 Many, 16 Demon, 17 All, 18 Rod, 20 The, 22 Ore, 24 Arrive, 25 Ropes, 27 Robot, 28 Vests, 29 Toss, 30 Also, 33 Arid, 35 Cho.

Egypt would try to recapture cotton market

Manchester, Feb. 28.

A British cotton official predicted today that Egypt would make "a real effort" next season to recapture its traditional market for raw cotton.

But the official, Mr. W. Williams, President of the Manchester Cotton Association, sounded this warning in a report of a recent visit to Egypt with 65 delegates from 20 other countries.

With the gradual exodus from Egypt of all those European experts who in the past have done so much for Egyptian cotton, it may be some time before the danger of the lowering of standards for which Egypt was famed is past.

He felt that eventually the only sellers of cotton in Egypt would be those which the government favours.

POLICY

The policy of the Egyptian government was to eliminate capitalism, and even large Egyptian firms run by capitalists would have to be re-constituted if they wanted to take part in the government's future selling policy.

Mr. Williams said the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture was doing its best to maintain and improve the quality of raw cotton, but added that the good work done at research and experimental stations was being undone elsewhere.

The delegates visited Egypt at the invitation of the Egyptian cotton promotion committee.

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HUNDREDS KILLED IN 'DEATH BATHS'

Ansbach, Feb. 28.

A German court was told today that hundreds of inmates of the Mauthausen concentration camp were killed in "cold water death baths" under the personal supervision of Karl Chmielewski now facing trial on multiple charges of murder.

Erich Timm, 48-year-old former inmate clerk, said victims were doused with cold water until they collapsed in the basin. He said SS guards then put their booted feet on the heads of the inmates keeping them under water until they had drowned.

Chmielewski, a former captain of the SS elite guard and one-time captain of the Mauthausen sub-camp of Gusen, was present during the two killings he watched, Timm said.

Each time, the witness went on, up to 150 victims were killed. Timm said he estimated that a total of 30,000 inmates were murdered at Gusen between 1940 and 1945.

Xaver Strauss, a former Nazi elite guard officer, said he did not know anything about the killing of inmates and also had never heard that inmates were ill-treated by the SS.

Strauss, who now is employed as a bookkeeper by a Bavarian firm, worked in the Mauthausen camp administration at the time.

—AP.

Recruiting storm in Commons

London, Feb. 28.

A Labour member, Mrs Barbara Castle, asserted in the House of Commons today she had "definite evidence" that the Belgian Assistant Military Attaché in London had been trying to get British recruits for service in the Congo.

Mrs Castle asked Mr. Macmillan, the Prime Minister, whether he would approach the Belgian Prime Minister to ensure that the diplomatic facilities accorded to the Belgian Government in London were not used to further the recruitment of British nationals for service in the Katanga army.

Mr. Macmillan replied: "No." Mrs Castle: "Are you aware that the Belgian Assistant Military Attaché in London has been giving to British volunteers the address of the Katanga delegation in Brussels for recruitment for service, at very high rates of mercenary pay, in the Congo?"

Mrs Castle said that following the revelation of this fact in a national newspaper a few days ago and the telling of her question, the Assistant Military Attaché had been recalled.

There were noisy shouts from both sides of the House as Mrs Castle insisted that the Prime Minister should give an assurance that the Belgian Military Attaché would not be allowed to return to Britain in a diplomatic capacity.

Mr. Macmillan: "That is a different question. I have just observed that the Belgian Government has threatened judicial proceedings against anybody responsible for trying to recruit for the Katanga bodies in Belgium."

Mr. Hugh Gaitskelli, leader of the opposition: "Do you now agree that it is in any case most undesirable that British subjects should enlist in any of these private armies in the Congo?"

Amid further uproar, the Prime Minister replied: "Yes. We do not approve of such recruiting. I understand the Belgian Government disapprove also."

—Reuters.

Another 'Death Row' writer



Paul Crump, a 30-year-old Negro who has been under sentence of death for 7½ years, sits at his typewriter in Cook County Jail, Illinois. He is at work on his second novel after recently completing his first 'Burn Killer Burn.' The story closely parallels the events of Crump's own life. It takes a boy of fourteen through formative years in a crowded Negro neighbourhood, a strong arm robbery and a killing. Crump was sentenced to death on August 10, 1953, for a hold-up killing. He has had 41 days of execution. Crump was executed in California last year after spending 18 years in a condemned cell during which he wrote several best selling novels. —AP.

'Freedom madness' stirs pitched battle in Kenya

Nairobi, Feb. 28.

Four persons, including a European police inspector were injured today when police and "general service unit" riot squads fought a pitched battle with Kikuyu villagers at Nthra, in Kenya after an outbreak of what the local farmers called "uhuru" (freedom) madness.

Suspected killer of girl, 4, arrested

Toms River, N.J., Feb. 28.

Fred Thompson, 59, the chief suspect in the New York sex-killing of 4-year-old Edith (Googie) Klecorus was captured here today and state police said he had confessed the slaying.

Police said Thompson was positively identified by his fingerprints.

Thompson said he fled New York yesterday after eluding police for six days and went to Philadelphia where he used his own name in applying for a job at an employment agency. He was sent to work on a Toms River farm where the farm owner recognized him from pictures in the newspapers.

RESISTANCE

Thompson, who had spent the night in an old trailer on the farm, offered no resistance to arrest when state trooper Angelo Nasti answered the farmer's call. Nasti told him he wanted to take him to the state police barracks for questioning "as is our policy with all the itinerants in the neighbourhood."

State police Lt. George Parcells said Thompson offered no resistance to arrest and was a "meek as a lamb." But he was fairly uncommunicative and very nervous after signing the confession. —UPI.

14 executed

Pretoria, Feb. 28.

Fourteen people, nine Africans, four coloureds and an Indian, were executed at central prison here today.

One African and one coloured were convicted of rape and the remainder of murder. —Reuters.

Five killed as Canadian tanker sinks

La Coruna, Spain, Feb. 28.

The Canadian tanker Andros Fortune sank today while being towed to Hamburg, Germany, by the German tug Atlantic.

U.S. ENVOY TO CEYLON NAMED

Washington, Feb. 28.

President Kennedy yesterday chose Miss Frances E. Willis, a career diplomat, to be Ambassador to Ceylon. She is on her way to Norway, where she has been the U.S. Ambassador.

Miss Willis will succeed Bernard Gutter in Ceylon. He recently was named Ambassador to Finland.

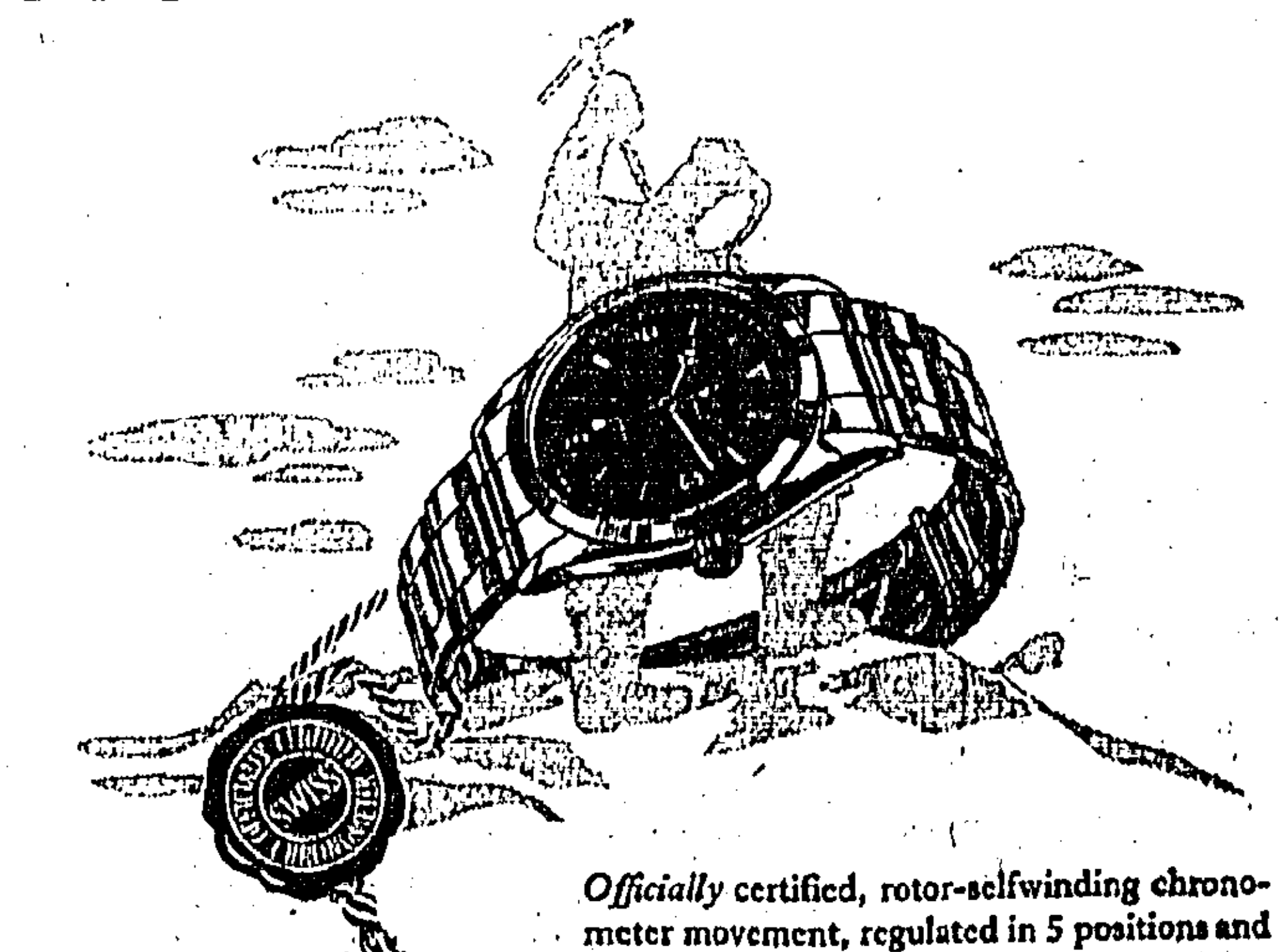
In 1953 Miss Willis became the first woman foreign service officer to be appointed a U.S. ambassador and to attain the rank of career minister. She was named envoy to Switzerland at that time.

A Ph.D. She was named Ambassador to Norway in 1957. Her legal residence is Redlands, California.

A native of Metropolis, Illinois, Miss Willis was graduated from Stanford University in 1920 and received a Doctor of Philosophy degree there in 1923. During 1924-27 she was Assistant professor of political science at Vassar College.

Miss Willis joined the foreign service in 1927. She has served at posts in many parts of the world. —AP.

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Snow storms cut power supply

Montreal, Feb. 28.

About 400,000 persons in greater Montreal were still without heat and light today in the wake of a severe sleet and snow storm.

Officials said relief would come for most later today but some will be at least a week without power.

The storm, bringing one-quarter of an inch of freezing rain and six inches of snow, hit the area on Saturday night and early Sunday.

An army of repairmen continued their task of restoring countless broken poles and snapped wires. —AP.

Dies after crash

Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 28.

Governor Roberto Silveira of Rio De Janeiro state died today from injuries suffered in a helicopter crash on February 20. —UPI.

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Leaving hospital

MARILYN TO PLAY
FIRST TV ROLE

New York, Feb. 28.

A newspaper columnist said today Marilyn Monroe, "many pounds lighter and even shapelier than before," would leave the neurological institute where she has been undergoing treatment, in the next three days.

The blonde star is ready to sign a contract for her first television role — that of the prostitute Sadie Thompson in Somerset Maugham's "Rain," due to be filmed later this month, the writer, Earl Wilson, said in the New York Post. He quoted Mrs Paula Strasberg, Miss Monroe's dramatic coach as saying: "Marilyn looks wonderfully well." The star will get about \$150,000 (about £53,500) for her appearance in "Rain" in which Freddie March and his wife Florence Eldridge will also star.



MARILYN

Tough year

Miss Monroe entered the Payne Whitney Psychiatric Clinic in New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Centre on February 7. Three days later she left there for the Neurological Institute of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre on the opposite side of Manhattan where she still is.

The hospitals have given no details on the 34 year old star's illness but her press agent, Mr John Springer, told reporters: "She has been exhausted, really beat down. Physically and emotionally, she's had a very tough year."—Reuter.

Costs go down

Washington, Feb. 28. U.S. living costs fell by one-tenth of one per cent in January for the first decline in a year, the government reported today.—UPI.

PICTURE
CURE

Stafford, Feb. 28.

Hooligans disturbing performances in a cinema at Cradley Heath, near here, will be snapped by secret cameras and the photographs displayed in the foyer.

The manageress, Mrs June Lee, said: "Rowdism is a nightmare and we hope that this move will stamp it out." If an attendant spots trouble he will focus the nearest camera — there are four concealed behind ventilators — and take a flash picture of the culprits.—China Mail Special.

Reception and
dance to greet
Proteus crew

Dunoon, Scotland, Feb. 28.

The girls of Dunoon are to be given an open invitation this weekend to dance with American sailors from the Proteus, depot ship of the United States Polaris Submarine Fleet, on the night after their arrival at the Holy Loch, it was announced today.

Gina was
headless

Moscow, Feb. 28.

Movie actress Gina Lollobrigida had blonde hair and a brand-new face in the Soviet Union on Tuesday.

The newspaper Soviet Culture printed photographs showing Gina in a holiday pose on the cover of the Polish movie magazine Ekran.

Along with it was the cover of the Lithuanian Ekran which had the same body in the same same dress holding the same champagne glass but with the blonde head of Lithuanian actress Iya Arepina.

"One actress has lost her head and one her body," the newspaper commented. "Do our actresses have any guarantee that in the future they won't find their faces in photographs of a melange of foreign features?"—AP.

KENNEDY BOOSTS
SHAMROCK SALES

Dunmore East, Irish Republic, Feb. 28.

The election of Irish-American, John Kennedy, as United States President has created the biggest-ever demand for shamrock, growers reported here.

42,000
idle in
coalfields
strike

Doncaster, Feb. 28. A spreading wages strike in the Yorkshire coalfields had today hit 54 collieries and made 42,000 men idle.

Another 12 pits stopped work this morning and half the great Northern coalfield was affected with 43 collieries to ally idle and another 14 under-manned.

Leaders of the unofficial strike of some 20,000 of the miners declared in defiance to their union that they were prepared for a long and bitter fight.

The strikers are demanding a 10 per cent rise in contract rates, and a minimum guaranteed payment of three pounds five shillings a shift.—Reuter.

DEATH OF
DIRECTOR

London, Feb. 28.

Mr Stephen Thomas, Director of the Drama Department of the British Council, has died in hospital here. He was 63 and had been ill for several months.

Mr Thomas joined the British Council as Drama Adviser in 1944 and was responsible for the Council's sponsorship of many tours of the Old Vic, Stratford Memorial Theatre and other companies to many parts of the world.—China Mail Special.

Miss C. S. McPhail, Provost of Dunoon, said that men from the Proteus were being invited by the Town Council to attend a dance in the Queen's Hall. She said: "It will be an open affair. There will be perhaps 300 boys attending; the young people from the town will go as partners. It's an open invitation."

The announcement followed a series of protest meetings and demonstrations which have taken place in Clydeside towns since the decision to set up the base was announced on November 1 last year. On Friday night, immediately after the arrival of the Proteus, between 200 and 250 officers and men from the crew will be guests of the Town Council at a reception. There will be tea and cakes for those attending, and a speech of welcome on behalf of the provost, magistrates and councillors.

"As far as I am concerned I am acting only for Dunoon Town Council," said Miss McPhail. "The Town Council support the decision of the Government. They are not entering into the whys and wherefores of it. It's a Government decision and I feel we have just got to accept it."

The Proteus is expected to arrive at Holy Loch in the Clyde Estuary about 10.45 am on Friday.—Reuter.

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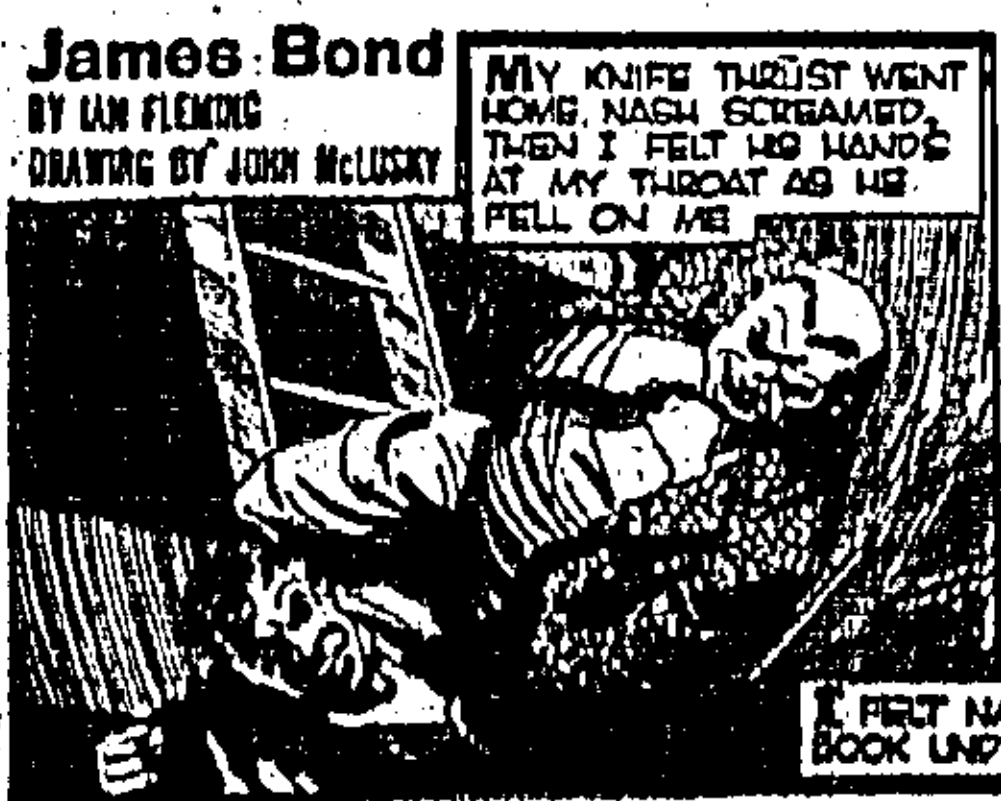
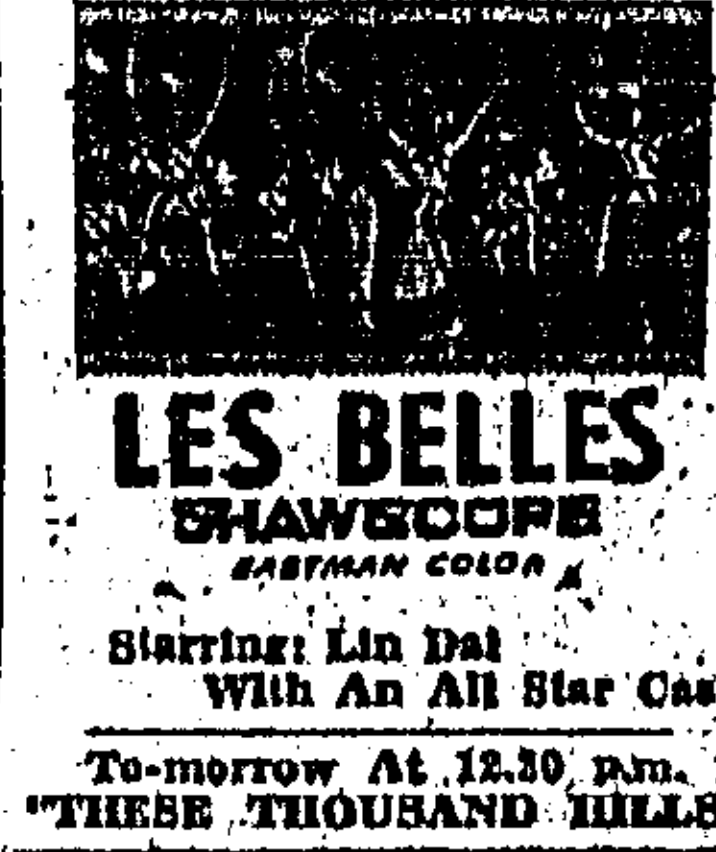
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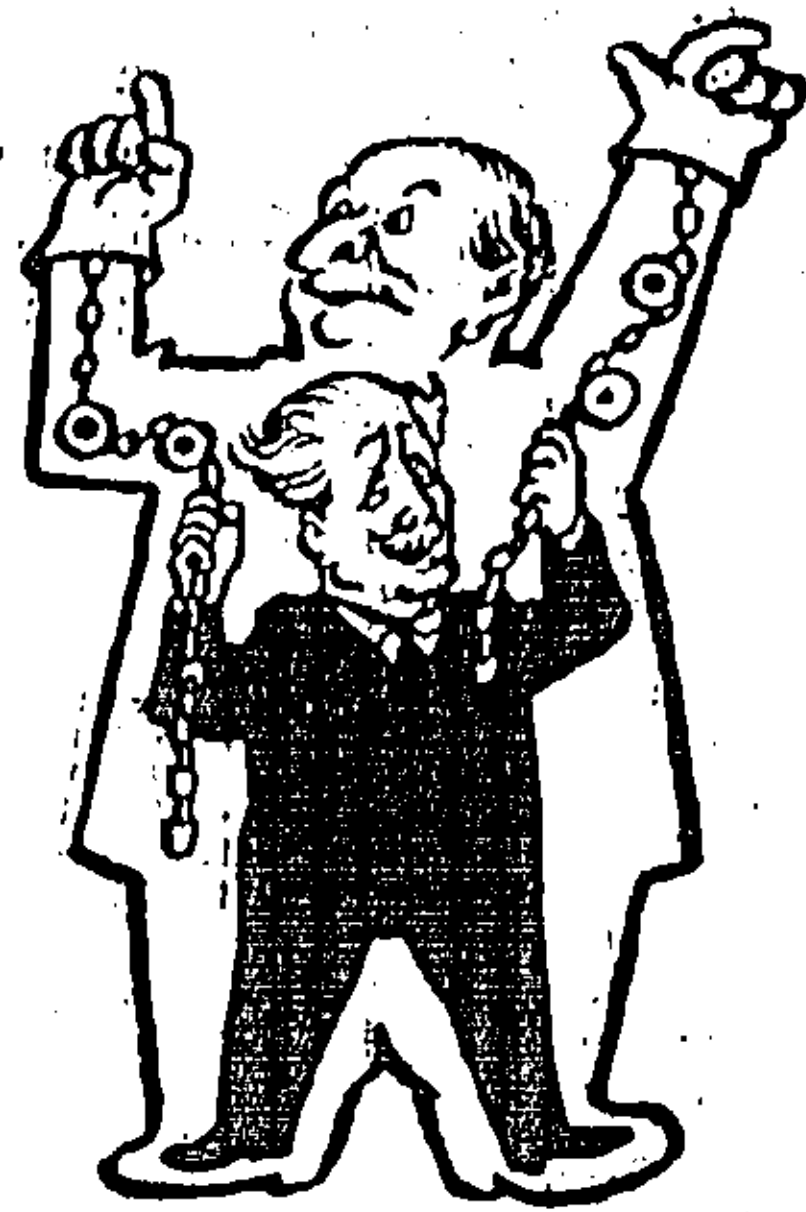
THE exelling diesel-driven Cornish 'Riviera' express train from Penzance to Paddington woofed to a halt at Castle Cary in Somerset. For an hour it lay dormant while an outmoded steam loco chugged 25 miles to the rescue. One of the two diesels drawing the train was out of action. Helped by the choo-choo, the train pulled into Paddington — two hours late.

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BUSES with low rear platforms have been ordered by a Nottingham bus company to help girls with tight skirts.

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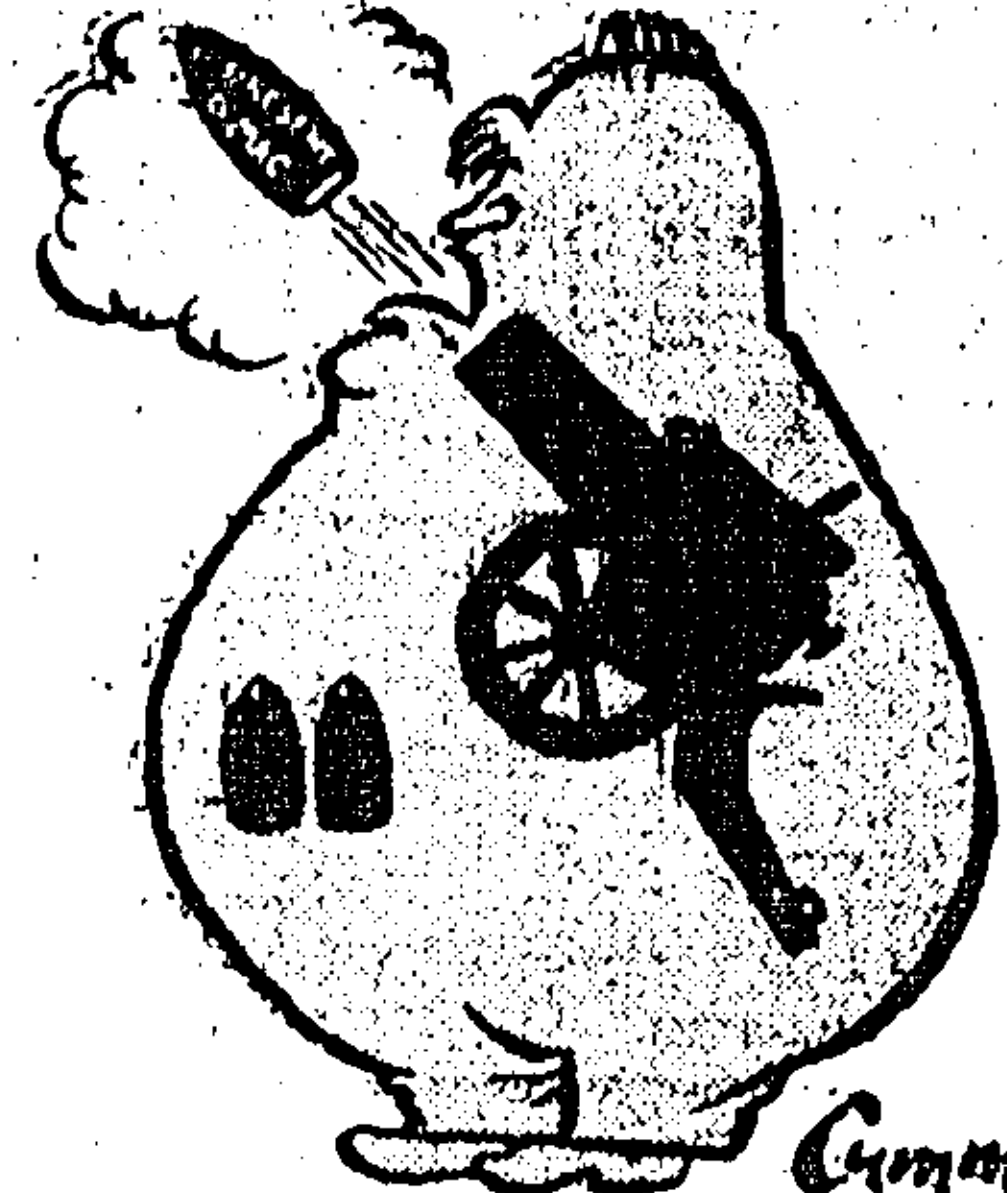
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... And as for Sir Roy Welensky, we all know what sort of backbone he's got!

London Express Service.

AGITATOR!

The diplomat who master-minded the London demonstration

A ROWDY demonstration, peddling the straight Moscow line on the Congo crisis, shattered the quiet of London's Trafalgar Square a few weeks ago.

Nothing strange about that, you may say. The pigeons are used to it. Occasions of this kind set them wheeling and fluttering most Sunday afternoons.

But dig behind this particular demonstration, and some remarkable facts come to light.

The man who master-minded it is a most unusual type of diplomat: Mr. Kwesi Armah, the Deputy High Commissioner for Ghana.

Busy as bees

I call Mr. Armah an unusual diplomat because of his rare and fascinating extra-mural activities. They take him regularly to a quaint, four-story, blue-painted house in Gower Street, Bloomsbury, with thick, non-transparent glass in the ground-floor windows and heavy curtains shrouding the rooms upstairs.

On the front door a metal plaque proclaims that this is the surgery of Dr. David Thomas Pitt, the 46-year-old West Indian who fought Hampstead unsuccessfully for Labour in the last General Election.

But inside too is the headquarters of the Committee of African Organisations of which Mr. Armah is the very active chairman.

What sort of work occupies Mr. Armah and his committee? All Africa come within their orbit. They are as busy as bees.

For example, they helped to launch the ill-fated campaign against imports from South Africa with a pamphlet last

January entitled "Boycott Slave-Drivers' Goods." Last summer—also in Trafalgar Square—they organised an anti-apartheid meeting at which banners were seen which urged the banning of American bases from Britain.

Their zeal

Lately, I can state, they have been in touch with members of the all-Negro "King Kong" cast which has come to Britain with the backing of the South African Government and has behaved with exemplary tact.

And now they are preparing a mass demonstration to explode outside the London

By
DOUGLAS CLARK

hotel of Dr. Verwoerd, South African Premier, when he arrives here for the Commonwealth Conference next month.

Over the Congo, too, the committee has long shown great organising zeal.

In December they ran a Hyde Park rally at which speakers urged the Independent African States to send in their troops to restore Lumumba.

And when news of that unhappy man's murder reached London Mr. Armah's committee had coloured students shouting and hollering outside the Belgian Embassy within an hour.

But look further still.

What is the connection between the activities of that gaunt, forbidding Bloomsbury house and the latest political developments over Central Africa?

Into Britain flew Mr. Joshua Nkomo, Southern Rhodesia's nationalist leader.

Influence

His stated purpose was to take disciplinary action against his London representative, Mr. Tukwira, who had criticised him for accepting the now constitutional proposals for Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. Nkomo on arrival went to Bloomsbury to see the Committee for African Organisations.

He announced that he considered the Southern Rhodesia agreement "torn up." Now no doubt the influence of his fellow nationalists from North Rhodesia, in London for talks with the British Government, contributed to his change of front.

But is it not interesting that he saw fit to consult Mr. Armah's committee too?

And can it be doubted what advice they gave him?

You should know something further about Mr. Kwesi Armah.

Just over a month ago he received a slashing rebuke from an astonishing quarter—The Diplomatist, the "house magazine" of the diplomatic corps in London.

The Diplomatist, which goes to all embassies and legations, normally confines itself to social gossip. It is a strictly non-political venture.

Fair question

Yet its last issue declared that Mr. Armah's political activities were "entirely opposed to the principles of those brought up in the traditional school of diplomacy."

It censured him for agitating, holding tendentious Press conferences, and joining in protest marches, and added:

"Many diplomats in London wonder what would be the case if members of an Iron Curtain country had indulged in similar activities."

It is a fair question.

And it prompts another—for Mr. Armah's Premier, Dr. Nkrumah, who is also coming to Britain for the Commonwealth talks.

Does Dr. Nkrumah endorse the extra-mural labours of his Deputy High Commissioner in London?

(London Express Service).

No Love for Johnnie

COULD THIS MAN HAVE BEEN AN MP? WE ASKED THAT QUESTION AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS



London Express Service.

Yes, I knew one like Johnnie...

by CHARLES PANNELL, M.P.

THIS film is a story about a lonely, loveless, ambitious man; Johnnie Byrne (Peter Finch) a Labour M.P. In the hungry thirties he knew hardship, poverty and the dole.

We meet him as an M.P. on a Labour landslide. He has sacrificed some integrity—and his Yorkshire accent—on the way up, but he has looks, wit, and an easy affability, and he has expectations of office in the new Government.

On the train to London from his Northern constituency everyone, railway porters included, seems to think so too. But as the news comes over—as, station by station, Johnnie buys edition after edition of the newspapers and finds first the top jobs filled, then the middling ones, then the smallest and his name not among them—it becomes clear there is no place for him.

Frustrated

He reaches London a frustrated man. And there he finds that his wife Alice (Rosale Crutchley), who is a member of the Communist Party, has moved out, leaving him to the sympathy of Mary, the girl upstairs (Billie Whitelaw).

The House seems no place for him, with its needling "wonder why he left you out?" He sees these he considers "lesser men unfairly preferred." He seeks distraction in pubs, finds a taste for whisky.

Mary takes him to a party, where a beautiful young model, Paula (Mary Peach), responds to his charms.

The affair warms up—and in the House things warm up too. Other disappointed applicants for office, and the fellow travellers, try to make their nuisance value felt. Will Johnnie lead them?

He agrees to put down an awkward Question to how the Prime Minister got on.

But when the moment comes for the showdown—and the rise of Johnnie as the new leader of the Left—Johnnie is not in Parliament, but in bed with Paula.

Back in the House he brushes off Alice that he is a backslider. But the villain (Donald Pleasence) gets cracking.

He phones a dissident in Johnnie's local party, "Get us asked to believe that Johnnie gets at second-hand a warning that back home 'they are gunning for you.' He must be 'at

NO LOVE FOR JOHNNIE, which was serialised in the China Mail and which had its film premiere in London this month was written by a Labour MP, the late Wilfred Fienburgh. It is about a fictional Labour MP, Johnnie Byrne. So we asked a Labour MP, Charles Pannell, member for Leeds West, to review it... and to consider how near the fictional MP comes to fact...

his local party meeting next day to answer unexpected charges. The assembly of the local comrades is one of the most diverting scenes in the film. They pass a vote of no confidence in him.

How does the film match up to the book? The book, by Wilfred Fienburgh, the brilliant Labour M.P. who was killed in a car crash, damaged Labour in the 1959 election.

The film will not do the same justice to the Tories. Peter Finch plays Johnnie with high competence and charm and little of the nastiness of the original character.

And the film gives greater weight to other characters, notably Stanley Holloway as a veteran Labour M.P.—a good trade union type—who makes a picture of simple goodness.

"Politics is for people," he says, and may a comrade will point to him and say (I hope): "Now he's just like our member; that other so-and-so could be a Tory."

(London Express Service).

CONTENT

Back at Westminster, our hero, whose slight seemed to have been lowered by so much suffering, gratefully accepts from the P.M. an offer of the lowest rung on the Ministerial ladder, Assistant Postmaster-General.

In doing so he repudiates his wife after he learns it was her membership of the Communist Party, and not any shortcomings of his own which had kept him out of office.

Wife gone, Paula gone (he was too old for her, she decides), Mary gone (Paula was too much for her), the final scene is of Johnnie on the Front Bench, feet on the Table, content—with no love but Johnnie.

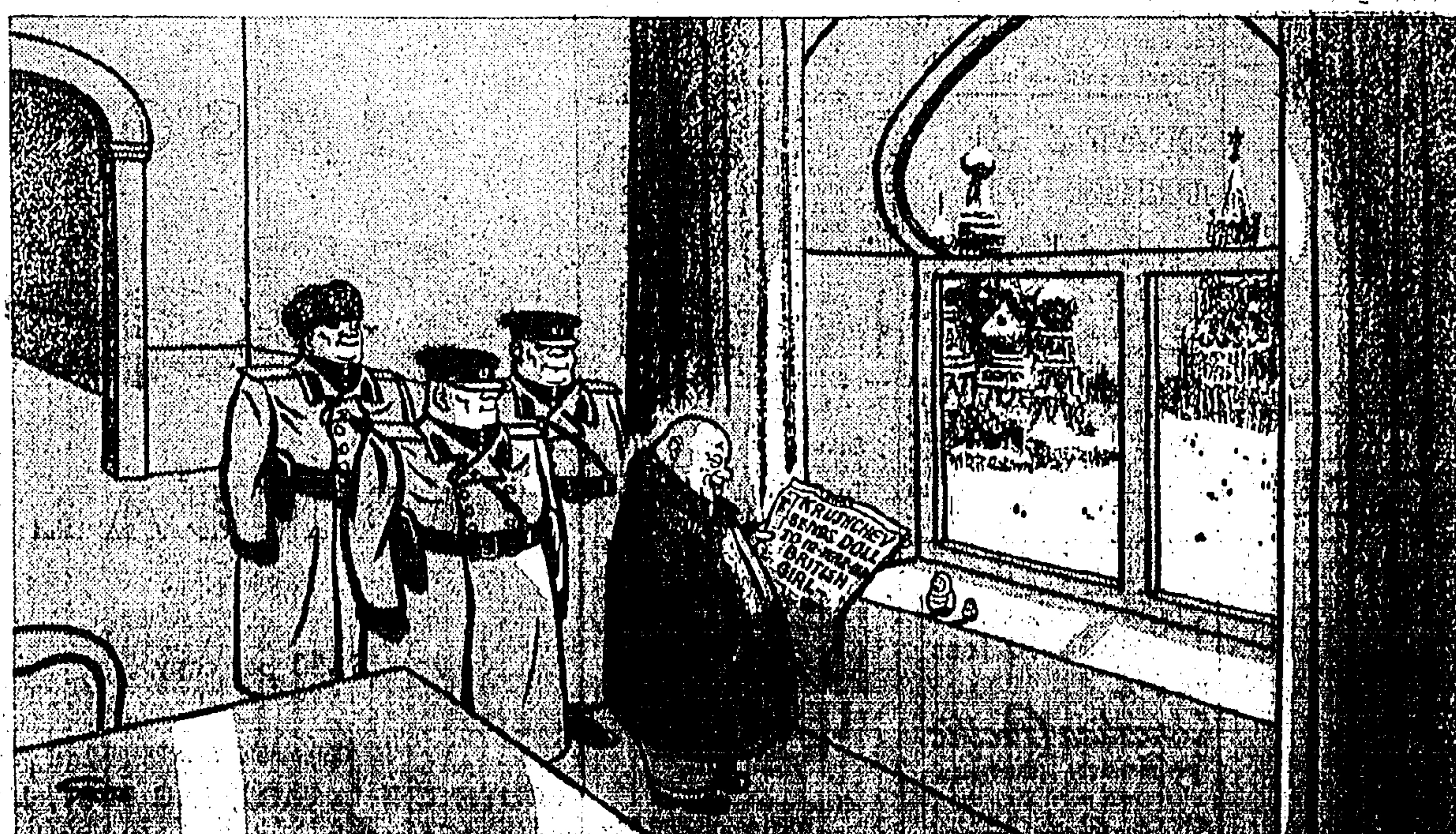
Is Parliament like that? Well, there are no gaffes. One gets the atmosphere. I've met some of the characters before, especially Donald Pleasence, who is as evil as... No, I won't say an unkind word about a comrade.

I think I once knew a Johnnie Byrne... but only once. We M.P.s have our share of marital ups and downs, like other people. Even Cabinet Ministers are not immune. But the public brings a tougher judgment to us than to other sorts of men.

What I found just not credible was Johnnie's trouble in his constituency... so soon after a General Election where he had increased his majority.

No letter in advance, no tip-off from friends, no word with Transport House. And all through a bit of gossip and some compliments that he had been negotiating his mail.

Does he not know he is not so sloppy as that in the Labour Party? And the audience is asked to believe that all this didn't leak, that not even the Express got a



"Pass word round that anyone calling me Comrade Father Christmas is for the badly-lodged factories in Siberia."

London Express Service.



London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

Springtime is sewing time

THE first hint of spring sunshine peeping into London has brought a rush for the dress-pattern counters at the big stores.

This year, more than ever before, the chances are that women will be making their spring and summer wardrobe, rather than buying it, for sales of fabric-by-the-yard and patterns have rocketed sky-high.

The fables they are buying this spring include Courtois in the new colour—sugar-pink—for dresses and jackets and unlined coats... abstract patterned cottons in dark stained-glass colourings... a new version of terry towelling with a velvet texture which tailors beautifully... and boldly patterned furnishing fabrics from Sweden which are being used for straight summer dresses.

The patterns they are picking feature the newest shape from Paris, the flaring, bias-cut skirt set on a lowered waist-band. They're making dresses and jackets or casual jumper suits rather than strictly tailored clothes, and everyone is going overboard for beach clothes, because they are so easy to make.

This year's ideas from the beach fit right into that category. Take the Poncho, for instance, a large fringed wrap you can sling round your shoulders Mexican-style, after a swim. It is simply a large square of towelling slit from one corner to the centre and trimmed with cotton fringing.

Other ideas from the beach include a cape of pale pink towelling, edged with embroidered ribbon which is ideal for

By **JANE ROGERS**
FASHIONED IN LONDON

A small child, and is the quickest way of getting dry again after a dip in the sea. Something more sophisticated for the girl who has grown up is a beach sarong that stays put because it is buttoned together at one strategic point.

Aids to easier sewing that I've spotted in the shops include an automatic sewing machine that does fool-proof seams on stretch fabrics. It stitches a broken zig-zag which 'gives', and avoids the cotton breaking.

Another idea from the sewing department—the dress you make and then throw away after two or three wearings. It is made from brightly coloured interlining.

Three cheers, too, for the end of the smock. It has been replaced by a chic scarf-print shirt which goes with slick tapered trousers with a stretch panel in the front of them. For evening there are some enchanting puff-ball tops made from gathered organdie which look just like meringues and are as far away from 'maternity' as anything I've seen yet.

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THIS year sees the brightest crop of maternity clothes that I've set eyes on for a long, long time. While the other girls are still searching for a chic chiffon dress cut Paris-style, expectant mums can find them on sale already in the maternity departments of most stores.

Starred for wear this summer is a sleeveless button-through pinafore dress in brown and white dogtooth check which looks cool and chic, and hides that tell-tale bulge, yet will go happily over a thick chunky knit sweater when the weather is cold.

If you want to take the plunge, there is a fabulous new swimsuit for the mother-to-be that is cut like a Victorian child's sailor suit in black grosgrain trimmed with red and white petersham ribbon. Strictly for the child-bride with money to burn.

New-style shoes with squared-off toes and shaped midsoles give good support for the tired feet of a mother-to-be, so do a new range of sheer-looking nylons that are specially designed to give support and ward off varicose veins.

Two new versions of the leather look, made in plastic



Two new versions of the leather look, made in plastic

LEFT: Supple, leather-like Vynide is used for this travel-coat topped by a Tesco lamb collar. Available in most colours, by Morcosia.

RIGHT: A frost-white coat in Vynide which is easily washable, sports a black beaver lamb collar. By Dannilmas.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Magic Telephone

—It Walks, Talks And Rings A Bell, Too—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the magic telephone ring. They both ran to answer it.

Extremely unusual

It was an extremely unusual telephone. You don't see many telephones like this. I doubt if there is one like it behind your bookcase.

In one of its hands the magic telephone had a brass bell with a handle on it. Now and then it took its hands from behind its back and clanged the bell.

Must be important

"It must be an important call," said Hanid. Then they both squeezed themselves behind the bookcase.

"It's about time you got here," the telephone said sarcastically. "Do you think I've got nothing else to do, than to keep on ringing?"

"Oh dear, we're sorry," Hanid said. "We came as fast as we could."

"All right, here's your party," said the magic telephone. "Listen carefully."

The telephone leaned over toward Knarf and Hanid. "Which one of you is going to take the call?" it asked.

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"What are you looking at?" Mr. Merlin asked Hanid.

Telephone was gone

But this is curious. The telephone was gone!

It vanished the moment Mr. Merlin appeared.

"Hello, there!" said Mr. Merlin cheerfully. "I'm glad to see you both."

"Hello, Mr. Merlin," said Hanid.

"Hello, Mr. Merlin," said Knarf. "Where's the telephone?"

He sat down

Mr. Merlin sat himself down on the table—the same table and the same spot on the same table that the telephone had been standing (or perhaps sitting) on. He chuckled.

"It's a funny thing about that magic telephone," Mr. Merlin said, still chuckling. "It always disappears the second I come into the place. I guess it doesn't like me. What are you looking at, Hanid, my dear?"

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Boiling salted water will open up choked sinks.

Clothes should never be bought too tight because tight seams will always pull away.

If you work a piece of thread through a newly-baked cake 'saw-fashion' it will cut easily.

Never fill burnt saucepans with soda-water, for although this removes the burnt portion, it also makes the saucepan liable to burn again. Fill them with salt and water and leave until

the next day. Then bring slowly to the boiling point. The burnt particles will come away without any difficulty and there will be no after effects.

When preparing lettuce for salad, lay the lettuce in water to freshen, then sprinkle with salt and leave it for an hour or two; wash in two or three waters, shake well, and lay it on a sieve or a piece of clean cloth to drain.

To lengthen the life of your household brushes, dip the bristles in a solution of alum.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

AT the 1960 autumn nationals Curtis Smith, a young bridge teacher from Austin, and the writer finished second in the open team, and then went on to win the open pairs from the largest field in bridge history.

While I have won many tournaments before (this was my 38th national title), this is the first victory that I can ascribe almost entirely to system.

Curtis and I had worked for several months on what we are calling the Jacoby-Smith system. It is designed for everyone from beginner to expert and I am so certain of its superiority over all other systems that I am going to discuss it thereon in these columns.

The system as a whole is much simpler than most American systems. We don't use weak two bids. We don't use most of the other so-called weak wonder bids that look good, but don't seem to work.

The basic feature of the system is that we open practically all 12 point hands while in other American systems the minimum opening bid is set at 13 or 14 points. Thus most tables pass-

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 7

You, South, hold:

♠ A 7 8 9 ♠ A 5 4 ♦ K Q J 10 ♠ A 10

What do you do?
A—Bid five diamonds if you feel pessimistic or six diamonds if you feel optimistic.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold the same hand and your partner opens with one heart. What do you do in this case?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH 16		EAST	
♠ K Q 10 2	♥ J 8	♠ A 8 3	♥ K 9 2
♦ J 8	♠ J 3 2	♦ K 7 5 2	♠ 8 8 6
WEST			
♠ J 9 7	♥ A 10 7 3	♦ A 5 4	
♠ 10 9 6			
♠ A 5 4			
SOUTH (D)			
♠ 8 5 4	♥ A 5 4 3	♦ K 10 7	
♠ 10 9 6			
♠ A 5 4			
North and South vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 N.T.	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ 3			

ed today's hand out at the nationals. Curtis opened the bidding and while he was held to one no-trump, the plus was all he needed for a good score.

Rupert and the Winter Sale—21



After working through crowds as ever the shopman leads the little bear into a much quieter part. "Now then, where did you drop your parcels?" he asks.

"Oh it can't have been here," declares Rupert. "It was crowded with ladies all pushing. 'Ah, but there's nothing for them to push, it is lodged there."

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for now," says the man. "Look, all the gloves are sold and the assistants have gone. Then let's find a counter with a place below it," says Rupert. "Yes, this may be the one." Crouching right down he tries to slip his hand underneath to feel if anything is lodged there.

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LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): The short spell of free time to which you were looking forward may have to be sacrificed because of an unexpected development.

before you make up your mind as to his usefulness.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): You respect and admire people of intellectual ability, and should not underestimate the interest you arouse in them.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Avoid being involved in an argument with a superior. You would only lose in the end.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Remain calm and keep your wits about you, no matter how provocative an opponent's attempts may be to make you lose your temper.

LIBRA (September 23-October 23): A romantic attachment may suddenly be broken up through no fault of yours. Try to be philosophical and put it down to experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A slight disappointment today will shortly be followed by a very pleasant surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Watch all financial arrangements carefully, and don't depend too much on others to look after your interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't get discouraged over the rejection of an original idea of yours, but keep on submitting fresh proposals.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Success is in the offing. You deserve it and should enjoy it for a long time to come.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Since you like to have things run your own way, you may have to be stern with a subordinate who refuses to conform to rules.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the ACE of CLUBS.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Give a new assistant a fair chance to learn your ways

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I back Trueman and Statham for one final fling BE BOLD, ENGLAND— AND WIN THE ASHES

Says DENIS COMPTON

THE challenge has been made. England's cricketers must learn again from the example of Australia and the West Indies how Test cricket should be a spectacle of excitement and tension.

We can look forward to a wonderful series against the Australians this summer—if the weather is favourable and our players will only approach their task with boldness and adventure.

We have had too many stereotyped and merely competent players in recent Test series: too many safe and orthodox men who could be depended upon to make a century

—but in hours of agonising cricket. Nobody wants to see that slow, dull, cautious kind of cricket any more.

But, as the Australians and West Indians have proved, the crowds will come to watch cricket with a sparkle in it.

And, what is more important, they will watch it whether their side is winning or losing.

The game the world over has received a badly-needed fillip from the doldrums of boredom. The era of light and negative cricket should be over.

The new Bradman

The Australians have chosen a fine, well-balanced side for their tour, with four fast bowlers in Ron Gaunt, Frank Mitchell, Graham McKenzie and Alan Davidson, the greatest leg-spinner in the world in Richie Bennett, and two left-arm spinners, Ian Quick and Lindsay Kline.

Bennett is an exciting captain, their batting is strong all through, and in Colin McDonald they have a first-class dependable opener.

We know the quality of Neil Harvey and Alan Davidson from previous tours and although Harvey did not have a very good series against the West Indians, he knows English conditions and I think he will be as big a batting menace as ever.

Davidson—if he escapes injury—can turn a match with his all-round ability.

We are all looking forward to seeing the new wonder batsman, Norman O'Neill in action. He has been compared with Don Bradman as a run-getter, and potentially he is the greatest batsman in the world today.

But the Australian I tip as the likely star of the series is Bobby Simpson.

I watched him closely when he was a member of the Cavaliers side which I took to South Africa last autumn and I was very impressed.

He has the style and technique which are suited to English wickets, and as a slip field he has uncanny anticipation. I know of no better in this position.

And, unlike some of the Australians, he can play the turning ball with confidence and power off the back foot.

In addition, he is a more than useful leg-spinner. What are England's chances of meeting this brighter-cricket challenge and winning back the Ashes?

Tough opponents

We have the players who can do it. Cricketers of the calibre of Ted Dexter, Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, Ken Barrington and young Roger Iredale have the ability to take the Australian attack by the scruff of the neck, just as the West Indies have done with so much magnificence.

I am convinced, too, that Freddie Trueman and Brian Statham still have it in them to launch one great final fling against the Australians of a kind which may remain long in the memories of those who see it.

The Australians are always tough opponents in any circumstances—the West Indies series showed that—but these two great fast bowlers can still make life very uncomfortable for them.

If Trueman and Statham fail, we have younger, up-and-coming fast bowlers in Harold Rhodes (Derbyshire), David Larter (Northants), and David White (Hampshire), ready to bid for Test places.

Vital player

The spinning outlook is not so bright, but David Allen (Gloucestershire) could be a vital player in the England attack.

He can exploit the Australians' definite weakness against off-spin bowling.

Openers will still be England's big puzzle. Geoff Pullar (Lancashire) looks a certainty on last season's form, but I hope the new season will produce someone in the runs to allow Colin Cowdrey to drop back to his best position as No. 4.

Yes, we can win this series. But even if we lose, no one will blame our men if they give us the Test sparkle that has been missing so long in England. (London Express Service).

UK soccer results

Results of tonight's British football matches were:

ENGLISH LEAGUE Division II

Swansea 2, Bristol Rovers 1. (Postponed from February 10).

Division III

Bradford 3, Port Vale 3. (Postponed from January 20).

SCOTTISH FA CUP Third round replay

Third Lanark 0, St Mirren 8 (Winners away to Hearts).—Reuter.

TODAY'S TIPS

By "Rapier"

RACE 1

Bagatelle
Rose Elect
Doredevil
Outsider:—Space Mouse.

RACE 2

Dart
Sydney
Norse Girl
Outsider:—Pot O'Gold.

RACE 3

Scarface
Helmsman
Peace
Outsider:—Elation.

RACE 4

Overture
Golden Gypsy
Resurrection
Outsider:—Nashua.

RACE 5

Orchid
Divia
Goldsmith
Outsider:—Honesty.

RACE 6

Hellspont
Virtuous
Honey Bird
Outsider:—As You Wish.

RACE 7

Grace
Beautiful Flower
Cover Girl
Outsider:—Temujin.

RACE 8

Mayfair
Courier
Hylamion
Outsider:—Manx Mist.

RACE 9

Tell-me-more
Triumphant
Free Success
Outsider:—Tornado.

RACE 10

Aftab
Winning Ticket
Beautiful Phoenix
Outsider:—Cheerful.

RACE 11

New Record
Good Condition
Maybelle
Outsider:—Madda Hu.

Best Bet of the Day:

ORCHID.

RAPIER'S Daily Double:
Scarface and Hellspont.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

Noah's Ark
Doredevil
Rose Elect
Outsider:—Bagatelle.

RACE 2

Dart
Benefaction
Sydney
Outsider:—Magic Feet.

RACE 3

Scarface
Pole Mark
Helmsman
Outsider:—Night Dancer.

RACE 4

Honey
Overture
Golden Gypsy
Outsider:—Not So Bad.

RACE 5

Orchid
Divia
Goldsmith
Outsider:—Attar.

RACE 6

Virtuous
Hellspont
Honeybird
Outsider:—As You Wish.

RACE 7

Game Pie
Golden Wedding
Beautiful Flower
Outsider:—Temujin.

RACE 8

Manx Mist
Courier
Hylamion
Outsider:—Mayfair.

RACE 9

Free Success
Tornado
Tell-me-more
Outsider:—Beloved.

RACE 10

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Cheerful
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RACE 11

New Record
Teresa
Maybelle
Outsider:—Miss Otis.

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"THE TURF" Progressive
Double Winners:
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"Winco": Virtuous.
"Blinkers": Dart.

"Holspur": Winning Ticket.
"Martingale": Honey.

Alan Mills in USSR tennis quarter-finals

Moscow, Feb. 28. Alan Mills of England today defeated Mikhail Mozer of the Soviet Union to join three Soviet players, an Italian and a Frenchman in the quarter-finals of the men's singles event of the Soviet Union International Covered Courts Championships.

Mills beat Mozer 6-4, 6-0, 4-6, 8-6 at the Dynamo Stadium indoor courts.

Following the third day of play the Soviet quarter-finalists are Sergei Likhatchev, Visklav Yegorov and Tomas Lelius. Francis Nys of France, Sergio Tacchini of Italy and Mills fill the three other berths. Two other quarter-final positions have yet to be decided.

In the women's singles quarter-finals Larisa Prokhorzhenskaya of the Soviet Union defeated D. Catt of England 6-2, 6-3 and Irina Hyazanova of the Soviet Union beat Paule Courtieux of France 8-10, 6-3, 6-2.

Results in the men's double quarter-finals were: Likhatchev and Mozer (USSR) beat Bauten-Berger and Fechtner (East Germany) 6-1, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Polatin and Lelius (USSR) defeated Boutboule and Nys (France) 6-2, 6-4, 6-1. Tacchini (Italy) and Mills (England) beat Anisimov and Sivkina (USSR) 6-1, 6-4, 0-3.—AP.

Entries withdrawn

Two entries in today's race meeting at Happy Valley have been withdrawn. It was announced this morning. They are Honey Bird in Race 6 and Miracle in Race 8.

Can an Australian girl win this year's Wimbledon?

By JOHN COTTRELL

Harry "The Fox" Hopman, Australia's maker of champions, has the shrewdest brain in lawn tennis. So when he forecasts that an Australian girl will win the Wimbledon crown this year for the first time, one must respect his opinion.

But this time I cannot agree with him. He predicts: "Margaret will win the Wimbledon Championship at the first attempt—like Maureen Connolly."

Hopman is talking about 18-year-old, Albury-born Margaret Smith, the girl who became a star overnight last year by winning the Australian singles title after losing the junior title two days earlier. She defeated Wimbledon champion Maria Bueno in the semi-final and Jan Lehane in the final.

First overseas tour

Miss Smith did not make her Wimbledon debut last year on the advice of her professional coach, Frank Sedgman, who wanted her to stay in Australia and build up her speed and stamina. Now, at 18, after retaining her national title, she is ready to make her first overseas tour.

Moggie's supporters argue that this determined teenager is quite capable of winning

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SPORTS PICTORIAL



ABOVE: The annual Services versus Civilians rowing regatta took place at Deep Water Bay last Saturday and resulted in an 11-2 win for the Civilians. Photo shows the finish of the Senior Four race with the Civilian crew (background) the winners. They are: bow—W. McFadden, A. Culy, P. Barnard, P. R. Dugdale and Cox—Ah Mei.—China Mail Photo.

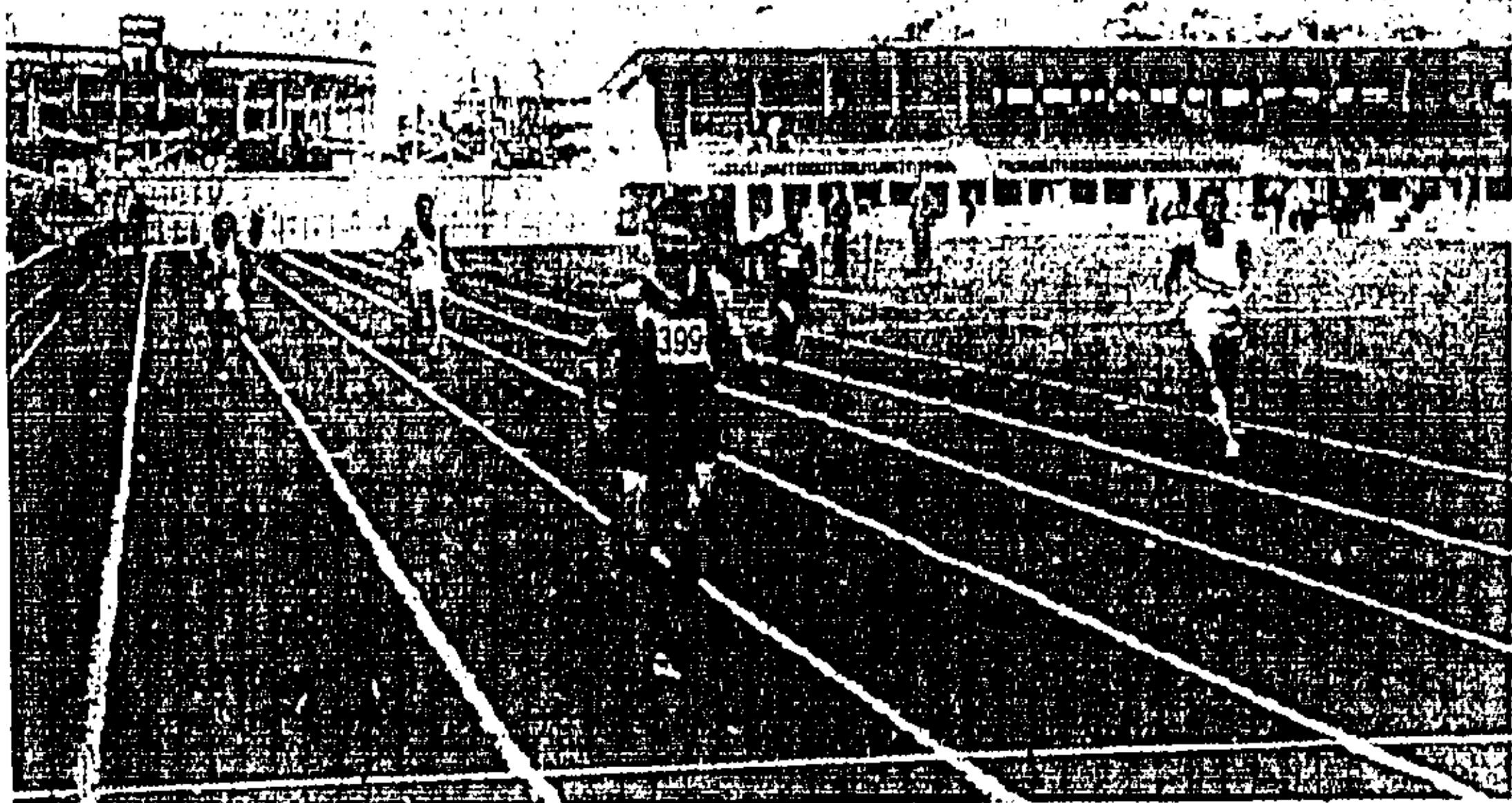


LEFT: Police went on to the pitch last week to restore order when protesting Spanish players chased the West German referee, Johannes Marks, after he had awarded Tottenham the penalty which enabled them to beat Barcelona 3-2 and knock the Spanish team out of the Inter Cities Fairs Cup. Photo shows the Spaniard (right) being restrained by Joe Baker (former England centre-forward) from attacking the West German referee, Johannes Marks (left) just after the whistle had gone for a penalty.—London Express Photo.



ABOVE: Sidbottom, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, lies on the ground on the wrong side of the goalmouth as the ball soars into the net after being deflected there by Aston Villa left-back Neal (extreme right) during the fifth round FA Cup tie between Aston Villa and Tottenham Hotspur recently. This was Spurs' first goal in the match which they won by 2-0. Also in the picture are Spurs' centre-forward Bobby Smith (centre) and outside-left Dyson (background).—Reuterphoto.

LEFT: Mrs. J. Kelso, wife of the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club's Steward, presenting the Jockey Cup to Mr. G. H. W. Oakford, who rode Panacea to an upset victory in the one mile 171 yard race for Class 8 horses.—China Mail photo.



ABOVE: Ken Peters, who arrived in Hongkong from Australia recently, established a new Colony record in the 400 metres at the HKAA's fourth Open Championship last week. His time was 59 seconds. He also equalled the Colony 200 metres record with a time of 21.9 seconds. Photo shows Ken Peters (centre) winning the 200 metres race. Leung Shi-hay (right) is second, and M. Irons, (fourth from left) is third.

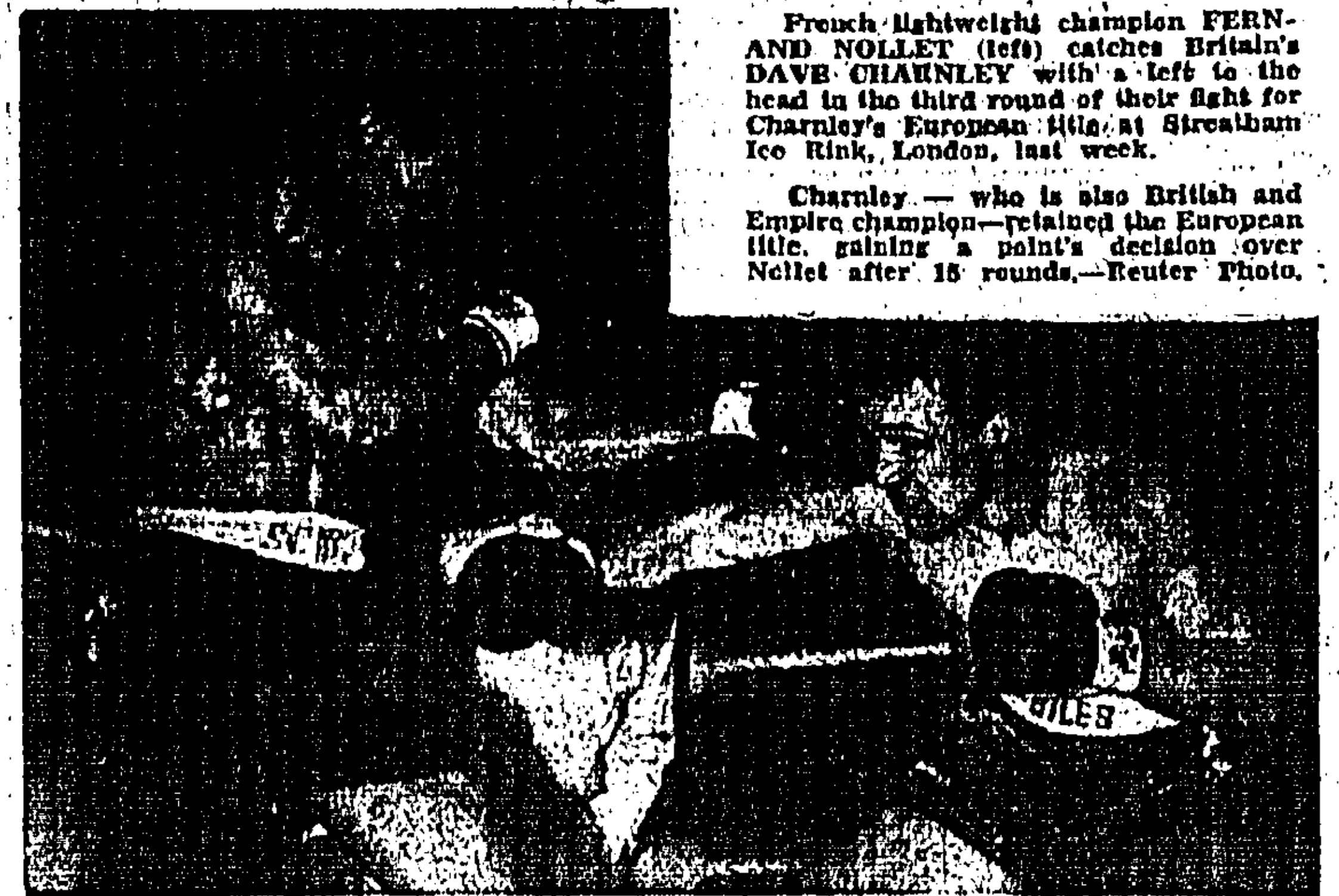
Right: During their stay in Calcutta (on Feb. 17-19) the Queen and Prince Philip visited the Royal Calcutta Turf Club where they witnessed three races including the Indian Produce Stakes and The Queen Elizabeth II Cup. The Queen is seen here presenting the Queen's Cup to the lucky owner, Mrs. A. H. Billmoris.

Below: British high-jumper Crawford Fairbrother is on his way down after successfully clearing the bar at the height of six feet nine inches at an indoor athletics meeting near London, England recently.

This leap constitutes a new British indoor high jump record, which previously stood at 6 ft 7 1/2 ins.—COI Photo.



French lightweight champion FERNAND NOLLET (left) catches Britain's DAVE CHARNLEY with a left to the head in the third round of their fight for Charnley's European title at Sirealham Ice Rink, London, last week. Charnley—who is also British and Empire champion—retained the European title, gaining a point's decision over Nollet after 15 rounds.—Reuter Photo.



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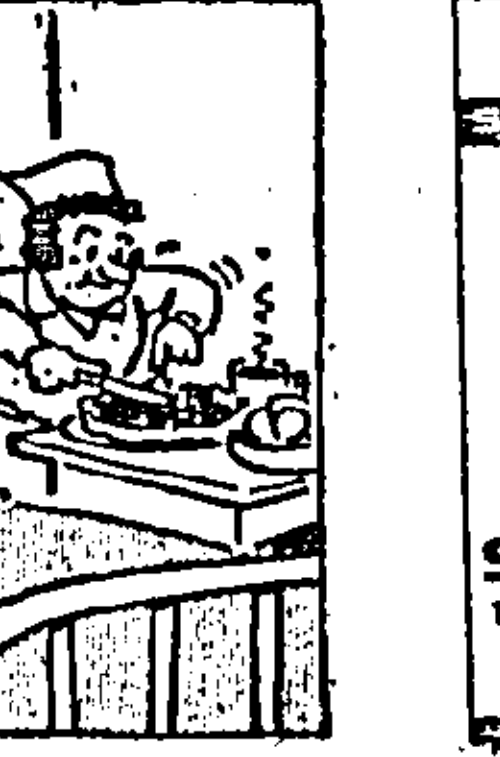
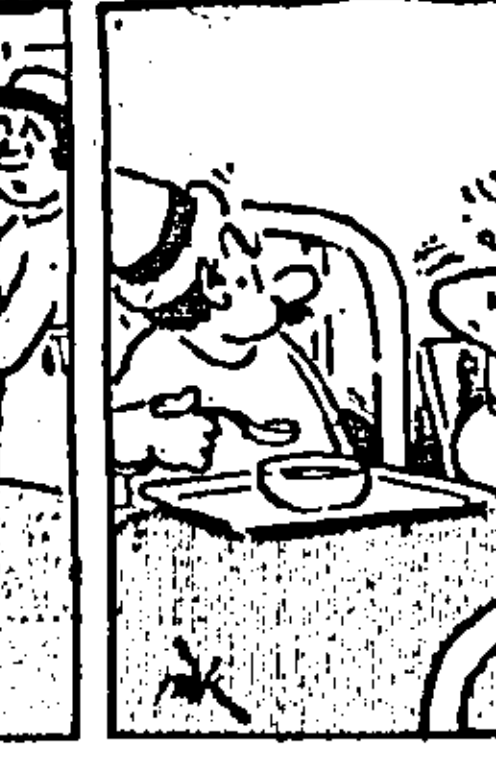
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'80 DAYS' STAR DUE ON SUNDAY



Cantinflas

Cantinflas, the world's highest-paid film actor and the star of "Around the World in Eighty Days" and the current film "Pope," will arrive in Hongkong on Sunday.

Cantinflas (whose real name is Mario Moreno) will make personal appearances here in conjunction with the opening of "Pope" at the Hoover and Gala Theatres.

He will be accompanied by his associate producer, Jacques Gelman.

"Pope" has 35 stars along with Cantinflas—among them, Debbie Reynolds, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Frank Sinatra, Dan Dailey, Maurice Chevalier, Sammy Davis Jr., Jack Lemmon, Kim Novak, Edward G. Robinson, Ernie Kovacs, etc. It is a Columbia Picture.

Cantinflas is the son of a Mexican postal worker and one of nine children. Having run away from home at the age of 18, he became a circus acrobat, juggler, dancer, actor, prize fighter.

Now, 20 years later, he is co-owner of two film companies and operates a 2,000-acre ranch near Mexico City.

Cantinflas is making personal appearances at other cities throughout the world, as well as in Hongkong. He will be met upon arrival by Pan American Airlines, by Mr. Frank Chan Keong, Columbia Pictures, Miss Marilyn Palmer and Miss Sheila Xavier.

Driving tests bribe bids alleged GOVT SERVANTS FACE CHARGES

Woman and five men on counts of conspiracy

Two Government servants, a company assistant manager, a merchant, a driving instructor and a woman were jointly charged before Mr Derek Cons at Central Court this morning with conspiring to solicit money from applicants for driving tests.

It was revealed that a substantial sum of more than \$100,000 was involved in the case.

The woman, who was arrested yesterday, will appear in the Victoria District Court tomorrow to face similar charges with three Chinese police inspectors and a driving instructor, it was stated by the Prosecution.

Government servant

The six were Tang Kam-hing, 34, Government servant, of 467 Ma Tau Wai-road, second floor; Fung King-wai, assistant manager of Wing On Insurance Company, of Room 675, Azalea House, So Uic Estate, To On-road, Shamshuipo, Kowloon; Chau Fat alias Lal Hsing, merchant of 25 Pang King-street, fourth floor; Yuen Pui-hang alias Lung Por, 35, concubine of Lung Chung-wing, of 224 Gloucester-road, third floor; Ip Lam-chuen alias Pal Sau-lo, 40, driving instructor, of 208 Ma Tau Wai-road, third floor, (rear portion); and Tam Kam-shing, 40, Government servant.

It was alleged that between October 1, 1959, and October 19, last year, the defendants conspired together with Ip Chi-wong, Young Man-so, Poon Pak — and other persons not in custody — to solicit money from persons intending to take driving tests, with the intent to corrupt the authorised examiners conducting such driving tests. All the defendants were remanded for seven days with the exception of the woman, who was remanded until tomorrow when she will answer charges in the District Court.

They were allowed bail of \$20,000 each. No pleas were taken.

Mr Peter Mo, of Peter Mo and Co, represented the manager, the merchant and the woman.

The two Government servants were represented by Mr Po Shing Woo of Hastings and Co, while Mr L. Arcull Jr appeared for the driving instructor.

Detective Inspector M.E. Davis prosecuted.

Telephone calls from aircraft

London, Feb. 28. The existing British high frequency longrange radio-telephone service from ships at sea will be extended to telephone calls from aircraft, starting tomorrow the General Post Office stated tonight.

The service will be available to any airline or privately owned aircraft subject to satisfactory tests.

Charges for calls will depend upon the position of the aircraft.

In a zone which covers most of Europe and extends about halfway across the Atlantic the charge will be \$1 10s for three minutes with 12s for each additional minute and a report charge of 4s.—Reuter.

Short stay

Mr Douglas Baston, Counsellor of the American Embassy in Bangkok, left by Air-India today for the Thai capital after a brief stay in Hongkong. Mr Baston was in Taipei on business prior to his visit here.



Van Johnson and Patricia Lambert, stars of the forthcoming London West End musical "The Music Man", at rehearsal, with, between them, young Gillian Martindale.

CANADIAN BUSINESSWOMAN VISITS HK

Hair nets are her specialty

By SYLVIA DA COSTA ROQUE

Hair nets and playwriting. Those are the two main interests of a Canadian woman, Miss Carol Wilson, who came into Hongkong last week on a 10-day visit.

Taking the playwriting first, Miss Wilson took it up three years ago, soon after she was elected President of the Toronto Freelance Writers Club. Since then, she has produced 20 plays that have become known throughout Canada. They have also been broadcast over the BBC and Radio Iren ("translated of course"), in America, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.

INVISIBLE

Hair nets are Miss Wilson's business, and she is Vice-President and Office Manager of a firm that specialises in them.

But Miss Wilson's nets are of a special kind—made from human hair. They are the best, very fine and practically invisible.

And, surprisingly enough, the country that supplies the nets is China. "The only place in the world that makes them," said Miss Wilson. She explained that the making of the nets was a home industry that was first taken to China early this century by missionaries, but it has died out a bit recently since the Communist Government has been putting more people into agriculture.

The nets are made by bamboo needles in the same way as fishermen's nets are made. But the hair isn't Chinese which, Miss Wilson explained, is too coarse. It comes from Hamburg.



Miss Wilson

Hundreds of women throughout Europe grow their hair specially for the industry. "Some even use a special fertiliser to make it grow faster," said Miss Wilson. There really is quite a story behind the quite humble hair net of today.

GLORIOUS

It seems it had a glorious beginning way back in the ancient days of Babylon, when nets were used by the Queens of Middle Eastern kingdoms as a sign of their rank. There was a difference though, those were of strands of gold.

They were also worn in the Middle Ages, only then they were of thickly woven silk and called "snoods." Shakespeare romanticised them by dressing his Juliet's hair in one.

And nets are regaining a little of their former glamour. Miss Wilson's firm is now making them sprinkled with sequins and rhinestones for evening wear.

After her stay in Hongkong, Miss Wilson, a member of the Toronto Soroptimists, is returning home—"I have to get back to my hair nets, and you never know, I might even write a play with the Colony as background."

Girl's threat to expose her classmate's forgery of report card

An 11-year-old schoolgirl obtained a total of \$220 from a classmate — by threatening to expose an alteration of the girl's school quarterly year report made by her, to the school authorities and her family.

This was revealed today when the 11-year-old girl pleaded guilty before Mr D. Benson at the Juvenile Court in Causeway Bay to three counts of demanding money with menaces. Insp R. A. Lee said that this came to light on February 24 when the complainant's father made a report to the police of a loss of money, which his daughter later admitted taking.

Police inquiries revealed that the complainant and the defendant study in the same class in a school in Wanhsai. Sometime in June last year the complainant's position in the quarterly year examination was 30th and, fearing remonstrance from her parents, she altered the figure to read 18.

DISCOVERED

However, this was discovered by the 11-year-old girl, who approached the complainant on three occasions between February 9 and 20, and demanded a total of \$220 which, defendant then said, she was collecting for a man named Fuk Loi who knew about the alteration.

It was revealed that the story told by the 11-year-old girl was fictitious and she admitted the offences. She had spent some of the money leaving \$25.85 in her school bag and another \$40 which was found in the custody of another classmate.

The 11-year-old girl was put on two years' probation, and her family was ordered to make restitution to the complainant's father.

Thief gets 6 months

Chun Tang, 33, coolie, living on the roof-top of 9, Parkes-street, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment this morning by Mr J. R. Oliver, at Kowloon Magistracy.

Inspector A. Lew, prosecuting, told the court that on Feb. 15, defendant stole from Lai Yan-choi at 19, Jordan-road, ground floor, two jackets, one pullover, and one woollen vest. They were sold to an unknown person for \$25.

The defendant had seven previous convictions.

From the Files

25 years AGO

March 1936

UNDER big black headlines, the Morning Post published the story of the assassination of four Japanese ministers by members of the Third Infantry Regiment under a junior officer, Capt Nonaka.

The four ministers, according to Tokyo reports, included the Premier, Admiral Okada, the ex-Premier Admiral Saito, the Finance Minister, Baron Takahashi, and General Watanabe, Inspector General of Military Education.

Many others had been seriously wounded.

The Japanese Government claims that the situation is now under control, troops are keeping order in Tokyo and guarding the Palace at strategic points.

Nanking is reported to be greatly perturbed at the news, expecting in consequence a military dictatorship.

A most painful impression has been created in London, where it is thought that the military will assume still more power in the state, and relations with Russia are likely to become even more strained.

50 years ago

From the Morning Post's 25 Years Ago column: (Feb. 27, 1911): "Thirty-five years ago, Mr Thos. Jackson, a tall, brisque-mannered son of Erin's Isle, took upon his shoulders the uncertain possibilities of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

"He was then more noted for his native wit and a ready gift of words than for anything else in particular. His ability as a banker was of course recognised in the ordinary way by those who entrusted him with the responsibility.

"Little did they dream, however, that the ready-witted Irishman would one day earn himself a reputation as the greatest financial genius of the Orient, and that the Bank, then at a touch-and-go phase in its existence, would under his guiding genius become the most powerful organization of its kind in the Far East."

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Reading the Bible

dear sir

Congratulations on your leading article of Monday even. O that there were such an heart in others of our daily papers and their Editors.

The Bible is a controversial book naturally; what study of life and biology is not? But thou, Sir, hast done us good service in bringing to our notice its vast influence.

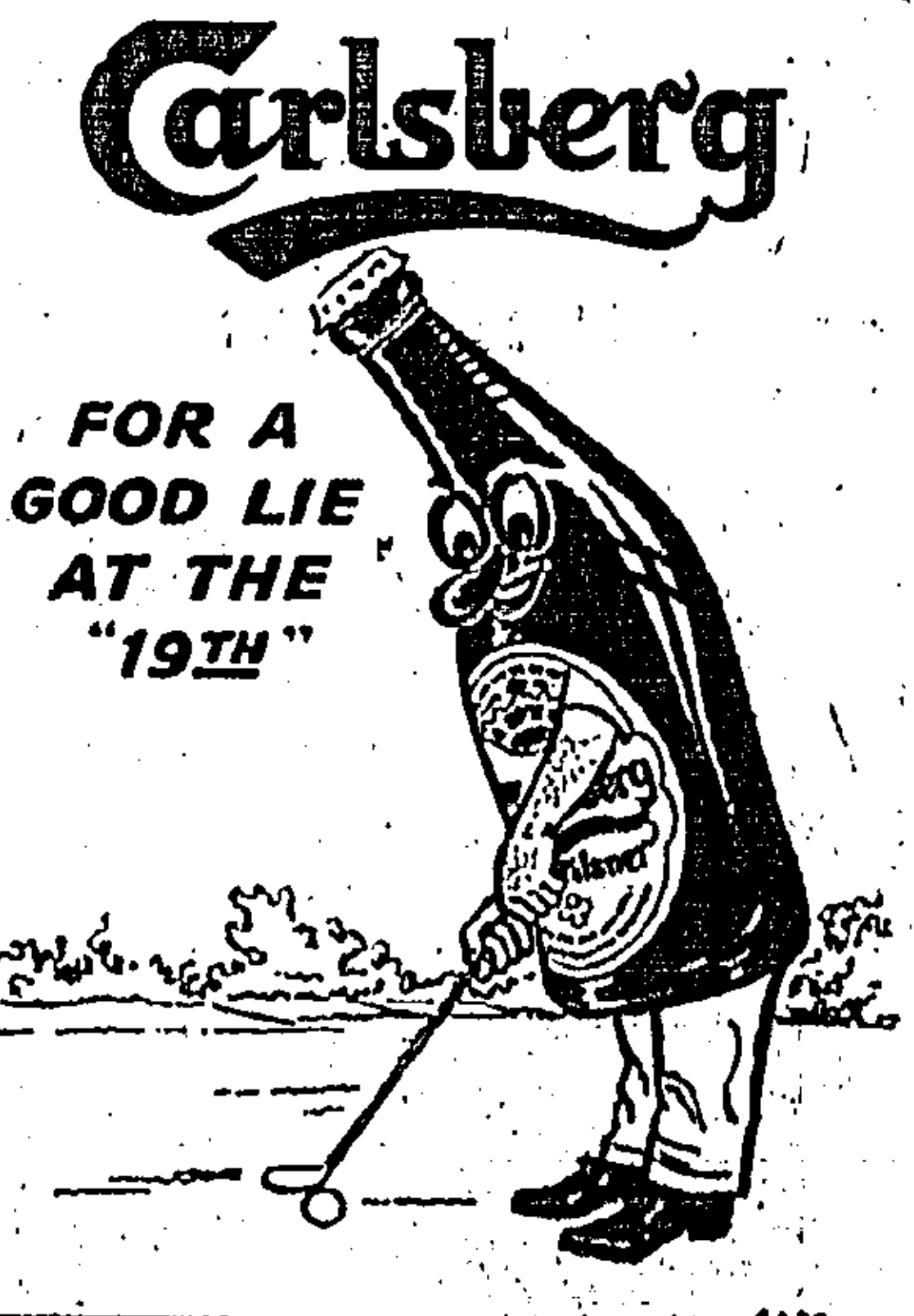
Thou sayest that many buy but few read. And your reason given is the archaic language, the old style of English. Is this not an excuse? I have attempted to use some of this style above. What is difficult about it? Is the change from "thee" and "thou" to "you" in so many modern translations an improvement? Why should we not use honorable language in addressing God? Even our neighbours, the Chinese & Tibetans have such a language for their superiors, though only mortals.

It is not a change of language that is needed but the will to read. Yet I know that most of my friends are constant Bible readers. Ordinary readers of the Bible are amazed at the constant references, phrases

and turns of expression in ordinary literature, taken direct from the Bible.

I think of, say, P. G. Wodehouse; he must be a constant reader of his Bible (even though he often uses it facetiously). How the terrible problem of juvenile delinquency would be on its way to solution, if parents from infancy would gather their children for a daily reading together of a chapter of the Bible, as so many of our parents used to do.

Further, as to understanding, does not this depend on our own spiritual condition, as Christ Himself says:—"I have many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now." The Holy Spirit is promised for this very purpose—"When He is come He will lead you into all truth." This can be a fact in our experience if we depend less on other outside helps, and more on Him. D.V.R.



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